By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

For the Suppreſſing of Seditious and Treaſonable Books and Pamphlets.

CHARLES R.

Whereas divers Malicious and Evil diſpoſed perſons have of late Printed and Publiſhed many Seditious and Treaſonable Books and Pamphlets, endeavouring thereby to diſpoſe the minds of His Majeſties Subjects to Sedition and Rebellion; and alſo Infamous Libels reflecting upon particular Perſons, to the great Scandal of His Majeſties Government: For the Suppreſſing whereof, His Majeſty (with the Advice of His Privy Council) doth by this His Royal Proclamation ſtrictly enjoyn and Command all and every His Judges, Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, and other Magiſtrates, to cauſe all Seditious and Scandalous Books and Pamphlets whatſoever, being Libels againſt the Government, or againſt any Publick or Private Perſon whatſoever, to be Seized on, and the Makers, Printers, Sellers, or Publiſhers of the ſame, to be Apprehended and Committed to Priſon, to the end they may be Proceeded againſt, and Puniſhed according to Law. And to promote the Diſcovery of ſuch Wicked Offenders, His Majeſty doth further by this His Royal Proclamation Publiſh

and Declare, That if any perſon or perſons ſhall within the ſpace of One year next enſuing, Diſcover or make known to his Majeſties Privy Council, or either of his Majeſties Principal Secretaries of State, or to the Lord Chief Juſtice, or any other the Judges of his Majeſties Court of Kings-Bench, the Authour or Printer of any Seditious and Treaſonable Book or Pamphlet, every ſuch Diſcoverer ſhall immediately after the Conviction of the Offender, have and receive from his Majeſty the Reward of Fourty pounds of Lawful Engliſh Money; And to that end his Majeſty doth hereby Require the Commiſſioners of his Treaſury, or High Treaſurer of England for the time being, to pay the ſame accordingly, without any delay or abatement whatſoever. And his Majeſty is further pleaſed to Declare and Aſſure, That his Gracious Pardon ſhall be granted to any Hawker, or Diſpoſer of any ſuch Books or Pamphlets, who ſhall make Diſcovery of the Bookſeller or Printer from whom he or they received the ſame; and likewiſe to any Bookſeller or Printer of any ſuch Books or Pamphlets, who ſhall Diſcover and make known the Authours thereof. And laſtly his Majeſty doth ſtrictly Charge and Command all Officers and Perſons whatſoever, to take notice of this his Royal Proclamation, and to be Aiding and Aſſiſting in all things requiſite for the Suppreſſing of the ſaid Libels, and the Diſcovery and Apprehenſion of the Offenders, upon pain of being Proceeded againſt as Contemners of his Majeſties Royal Authority, in a Matter of ſo great Concernment to the Publick.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the One and thirtieth day of *October* 1679. In the One and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

God ſave the King.

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